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THE LAND BOARD SCANDAL.

Investigation into the methods of the State Land board have developed a full fledged scandal and resulted in the resignation of H. S. Anderson, clerk of the board. Worse than the specific charges against Anderson and the members of the board, is the evidence that the board was cognizant of the transactions which led to the resignation and actually ignored the charges if it did not shield the culprit.

Anderson's offense, unfortunately, was not illegal and so cannot be followed by prosecution and punishment. He had used his office and the information which it gave him to advise his friends as to contemplated selection. Of course the object of these selections was to make profit for the men who got what should have been confidential information. In some hands it might easily have been used for blackmailing purposes, and in any event the disclosure of such confidential, official information was a gross violation of public duty as the investigating committee declares in its report.

This and other developments of the legislative session show a demoralization of the state administration much worse than had been surmised. If members of the land board or its employees can use their public positions of trust to acquire land designed for other citizens; if they can acquire public lands for themselves with the purpose of feathering their own nests; or if they can utilize their official information for the benefit of their intimate friends and at the expense of the general public for whom they are supposed to act—if these things go unchallenged by the governor or by any member of the land board, then the time has come for a housecleaning in the board.

That these acts have not been illegal is no excuse for them; an exact sense of public duty, a recognition of the plainest deencies of public office should have precluded individual members and employees from using public office for private gain. When officials reach the stage where they cannot recognize the simplest obligations of office, they have outlived their usefulness to the state.

It is to be regretted that the session is at an end and that these discoveries have been made so late. They indicate the need for general investigation of all the state's offices and officers, since the existence of such practices in one branch of the state government is apt to be accompanied by similar lax notions of propriety and legality in other departments. What with the ancient and unsavory bounty scandals, the state land board scandal, the outrageously scandalous disregard of primary parliamentary rules by the speaker of the house, the memory of this administration and its supporters in the legislature will need disinfecting before self-respecting citizens can afford to contemplate it at short range.

THE DUCY CASE.

Mayor Thompson is said to have "interested himself" in the case of Ducey, the saloonkeeper who allows girls to frequent his saloon, and it is suggested that the place may be closed. Certainly it is time some person in authority became interested in this case and in other similar cases. It seems to be impossible to secure adequate punishment for men like Ducey through the regular channels. The man pleaded guilty to the charge of allowing girls in his place. A girl of 15, another of 16 and three little more than 13 were found in the saloon. The girl of 16 says she was taken into the saloon against her will by the proprietor, who persuaded her to drink liquor, which he gave her without charge.

Two or three charges against Ducey were dropped without explanation. To the third charge the man pleaded guilty and received a fine of \$25. In pronouncing sentence the court remarked that as it was the custom of saloonkeepers to allow women in their saloons they probably neglected to ascertain the ages of their customers.

This remarkable statement should be considered with the fact that two of the girls in this case were 15 and 16 years old; children that should have been in school, but, instead, were enticed into a saloon.

The children have been sent to the reform school, no doubt for their good, but at the same time for punishment. The man that helped them along the road to ruin escapes with a fine of \$25 after admitting his guilt. Friends, including one known to local fame as a prominent bartender, "interested themselves" in his case.

It is, indeed, time somebody else "interested himself" on the other side of this case. Common decency, public morals and regard for the welfare of children demand that action be taken and at once.

TIME TO KEEP COOL.

Above all things, one should try to keep cool when business disturbances are threatened. It is impossible to escape excitement and its consequent unnecessary losses when market conditions are upset as at present, but calmness and thoughtful deliberation are splendid tonics at such times. Investors, especially those whose interests are wholly or largely embraced in securities easily affected by market changes, cannot avoid a feeling of alarm when depression becomes evident but then, as at no other time, should hasty and ill-advised action be eliminated. Some of the great panics of the past have been found to have had their bases largely in frantic unloading inspired by nothing more than wild fear. It is of course natural and proper for a man to safeguard himself and to sacrifice part of what he has when necessary to save the rest, but wisdom counsels against hurried action without careful study of existing conditions.

The present situation contains, as yet, nothing to warrant the assumption that the general prosperity of the country is menaced. Rather does it appear that securities inflated beyond their right limits are in process of adjustment to a proper basis. Fictitious values, therefore, are the ones to suffer and he who deals in fictitious values takes the gambler's chance at all times and should not be astonished when reverses come. Concerns that were on a sound foundation when the depression began should not suffer and the others should emerge from it in better condition than they entered. Losses have already taken place and more will doubtless come, but the conservative investor should not allow himself to be swayed from the path of business sense by the surface symptoms inevitable in cases such as this.

STATE OFFICIALS AND DEFICITS.

Just as if it were a casual occurrence, the announcement is made in the legislature that the officials of the state have expended \$35,000 in excess of the appropriations since the last session of lawmakers. It is proposed now to make officials personally responsible for such excess expenditures hereafter in the hope that they will keep within the appropriations.

The simple-minded citizen will wonder why such a law is necessary, but he will agree that it may be a good thing to put in effect. The state officials are supposedly servants and trustees of the people; they are provided with certain sums for specific purposes, on estimates they furnish themselves. It is clearly illegal for them to spend more than the appropriations as if they threw public money away. This session should have published for the information of the taxpayers, the names of the officials who have exceeded their appropriations and given in detail the amount each one spent without authority. Then there would be means of knowing who the offenders are and what their reasons, if any, for breaking the laws they are supposed to observe and enforce.

Possibly the officials of the state have taken their cue from those government departments and bureau heads who ignored congressional laws, spent money as they pleased and depended upon the succeeding congress to meet the deficit. Congress passed a protective measure such as is proposed for the state and it worked admirably, even if it does look like an absurdity to make laws to compel the observance of laws already in existence.

It seems the police court here regards lightly the offense of a saloonkeeper who encouraged young girls to frequent his resort at night and sold them liquor. But then the police court holds, too, that slot machine gambling is not gambling so long as actual money is not the stake except on the loser's side.

The first two-bit raise in the price of coal was for the benefit of the poor retailer. Yesterday's quarter of a dollar advance is stated to be for the sole use and behoof of the hard-working teamster. "Charity, good people, charity!"

The ardent radicals who have been yelling so vociferously for reform legislation all over the country probably realize now that they worked overtime at their job with mighty poor results.

It would be worth while to get an exact opinion of their speaker from those members of the house who voted against him; but it probably wouldn't go through the mails if ever published.

There may have been worse speakers in this country than Joseph, but if there have been, the record fails to show it.

Back to the farm.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Hugh Anderson was the hostess yesterday afternoon at a bridge tea given in honor of Mrs. W. G. Sharp and Miss Winn and Miss Block of St. Louis. Only four tables were played, a good many more friends coming in to tea, when the hostess was assisted by a number of her friends. Mrs. Lee Charles Miller poured tea and Miss Ida Hanauer coffee, and assisting them were Mrs. J. R. Walker, Mrs. Frank Jennings, Miss Helen Crawford, Miss Margaret Park and Miss Edith Shearman. The dining room was bright with pink and white tulips, and the table, with its India service of solid silver and Renaissance lace cover, made a beautiful picture in the afternoon sunlight. American Beauty roses were used in the drawing room and flowering plants in the Turkish room. The prize winners were Mrs. John A. Marshall, Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. W. S. McCornick and Miss Nance.

Miss Elizabeth McIntyre entertained yesterday afternoon at a large and elaborate bridge tea in honor of Miss Leslie Kerr of Chicago, who is the guest of Miss Beatrice Cheesman. Nine tables were played, and later the guests thronged the beautiful dining room, where pink Chantilly roses and pink carnations formed the decorations. An immense Sevres vase filled with the roses graced the tea table, and here Miss Eloise Sadler and Miss Lela Stingley poured. Assisting them were a number of the younger girls. Prizes in the game were awarded to Mrs. Wallace Bransford, Mrs. Benner X. Smith, Mrs. Sam Porter, Mrs. W. D. Donohoe, Miss Aileen Maclean, Miss Jennie-Budd Geddes, Miss Minette Baer, Miss Eloise Sadler and Miss Jessie Anderson.

Mrs. Richard A. Keyes gave a bridge tea yesterday to about thirty of her friends to meet Mrs. R. B. Turner, formerly a Salt Lake girl. Following the game a few more friends came in to tea, which was served at the small tables through the rooms. A punch table in the dining room was decorated with Lawson pinks and radiant with cut glass. American Beauties were used in the other rooms. The prize winners were Mrs. L. S. Worthington of Fort Douglas, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Frank McGurrian and Mrs. George H. Smith.

The Misses Marjorie and Miriam Brooks, who are spending the winter in Los Angeles, were among the young girls whose gowns were noted and commented on at the opening of the grand opera season in that city. The Misses Brooks are visiting the Godbe family there, and were guests in their party. Both the girls are prominent in local musical circles.

The current events and current literature section of the Ladies' Literary club will meet this afternoon, and Mrs. Fields will give a talk on Luther Burbank and what he has accomplished. Mrs. Addison Cain will give a sketch of the life of John Oliver Hobbs with a review of her latest book, "The Dream and the Business."

Mrs. R. G. Legg will entertain about fifteen ladies at a matinee party tomorrow afternoon at the Salt Lake theatre, the affair being given in honor of her guest, Mrs. Charles S. Williamson of Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reeves entertained Wednesday evening at an informal musicale for Mrs. Barnaby of Greeley, Colo., who has been visiting her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Murphy.

Mrs. J. R. Walker will entertain this afternoon at a bridge party in compliment to Mrs. Albert R. Hager.

Mrs. Jay Rogers entertains the Afternoon 500 club today at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Edward Fife are expected home shortly from the coast, where they have spent the past month.

Mrs. W. T. Benson will entertain today at a luncheon.

Mrs. Fred A. Hale has left Los Angeles and is now in Monterey visiting her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Benton Hunter.

Mrs. Walter Filer is expected home soon from New York to join Mr. Filer, who returned some days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Miner will be home today from Los Angeles, where they have spent the better part of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wertheimer have returned after spending the past few months on the coast.

The pupils of Gordon academy will give an informal dance this evening.

George D. Alder returned yesterday from the coast, where he has spent some time. Mrs. Alder and the children will remain away two months longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Walker will entertain this evening at a dinner.

The Woman's Republican club gave a card party yesterday afternoon in the Auerbach building to about forty of their friends. The prizes were won by Mrs. D. Meskil and Mrs. Coln.

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3786—Rose Wettstein, Providence, Utah.
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